

# HEALTH CARE THAT WORKS FOR ALL AMERICANS

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## National Group Visits Oregon To Learn About Citizen Engagement

The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is holding a public meeting in Portland, Oregon, to learn from Oregon's experiences as it develops its own plans for engaging the public on health policy issues.

**When:** Friday, September 23, 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** City Council Chambers, 1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Join the Citizens' Health Care Working Group in listening to invited guests, including:

- Senator Ron Wyden
- Former Governor John Kitzhaber, M.D.
- Michael J. Garland, Professor Emeritus and former director of the Center for Ethics in Health Care at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU)
- John Santa, MD, Center for Evidence-Based Policy, OHSU
- Mark Ganz, CEO of Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon.

The Working Group has held hearings at five locations around the country and hopes to issue *The Health Report to the American People* the first week in October. This report will be available at [www.CitizensHealthCare.gov](http://www.CitizensHealthCare.gov). The Working Group will then begin a nationwide discussion on health care. After hearing from individuals across the United States, the Working Group will make recommendations to the President and Congress on how to make *Health Care Work for All Americans*.

In an unprecedented national discussion on health care beginning later this fall, The Citizens' Health Care Working Group will be asking Americans:

- What health care services and benefits should be provided?
- How do you want health care delivered?
- How do you think health care coverage should be financed?
- What trade-offs are you willing to make in either benefits or financing to ensure access to affordable, high quality health care coverage and services?

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